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to be known as sub-title "Process against Corporations in Criminal Cases," to be known as Sections 651 and 652, and to follow Section 650 of Poe's Code of 1904.

New sections added.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," to be known as sub-title "Process against Corporations in Criminal Cases," and to be known as Sections 651 and 652, and to follow Section 650 of Poe's Code of 1904, and to read as follows :

May issue summons.

651. When any indictment shall be found or information filed by the Attorney-General in this State for violation of its laws against any corporation, joint stock company or association incorporated under its laws, or against any corporation not incorporated under its laws, but deemed to hold and exercise franchises herein, or any joint stock company or association doing business in this State, it shall and may be lawful for the Attorney-General or prosecuting attorney for the State to cause a summons or notice to be directed to the said corporation, joint stock company or association, in its corporate name, to appear at the said court to answer to such indictment or information, and such process may be served in the same manner as provided for service of process in civil suits mentioned in sections numbered 411 and 412 of Article 23 of Poe's Code of Public General Laws of 1904, entitled "Corporations," sub-title "Process."

Appearance to be entered.

652. When the sheriff or other officer shall return such summons or notice "summoned" or "served," the said corporation, joint stock company or association shall be considered as in court and as appearing to said indictment or information ; and the court shall order the clerk to enter an appearance for said corporation, joint stock company or association, and indorse the plea of not guilty on said indictment or information, and further proceedings may then be had thereon, in the same manner as if the said corporation, joint stock company or association had appeared and pleaded not guilty ; and if the said corporation, joint stock company or association shall be convicted on said indictment or information, the said court may proceed to pass judgment thereon and cause process of execution to be issued to the sheriff of the county against the goods and chattels, or lands and tene-